



# OUTDOOR Campus



## 2018 | The Outdoor Campus Fall Program Guide

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# HELLO, FALL!



Hey, Friends and Fans!

Over the last two years SD Game, Fish and Parks has been working on a new strategic plan, including education. After months of hard work under our new education supervisor, Taniya Bethke, in Pierre, and with help from focus groups, we completed our new education plan.

We are excited to continue to implement it this fall. Some changes you might notice... more opportunities for family units, classes for adults from 18 to 102, new and outdoor-driven home school opportunities and a passionate staff who wants to share their outdoor knowledge like never before!

In short, we are offering some different classes and some new ways to enjoy the outdoors!

See you soon!

Thea Miller Ryan  
Director, The Outdoor Campus

## Upcoming Deadlines:

Winter booklets available: November 7

Winter registration: November 14

Spring booklets available: Feb. 6

Spring registration: Feb. 13

## Save the Date:

Buffalo Round Up, Custer State Park, September 28

FestiFall, Newton Hills State Park, October 6

Outdoor Campus Halloween Hike, October 20

## What's New In This Brochure?

- Choosing the Right Gun
- Bi-Athlon: orienteering and bb gun shooting
- Mentor and Apprentice Hunting classes
- Bow Hunting Partners
- More to come!



# REGISTRATION

## **PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS**

at 7 a.m. on August 15, 2018

## **THREE WAYS TO REGISTER**

1. Online at [outdoorcampus.org](http://outdoorcampus.org)
2. In person at The Outdoor Campus.
3. Call us at 605.362.2777

## **COST**

All programs are free! Thank a hunter or angler for supporting our education efforts!

## **PRE-REGISTRATION**

Preregistration is required of all classes and programs unless noted.

## **WAIVER**

All participants signed up for programs must have a waiver signed in order to participate. The waiver is available on our registration site or in person at The Outdoor Campus.

## **CANCELLATIONS**

Many programs fill quickly. PLEASE call us or cancel on the website as soon as possible if you cannot attend a class. Our waiting list automatically fills from your cancellation.

## **WAITING LISTS**

Do not be afraid to sign up on our waiting lists. People often cancel and if you're on the list your name will automatically move into the class and you will be notified by email.

## **SPECIAL NEEDS**

Please inform us of any special needs, mobility concerns, allergies or other health concerns when scheduling. **\*\*WE ARE NOT A PEANUT FREE FACILITY\*\***

## **OUR HOURS**

The Outdoor Campus is open Monday—Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays (April 1 to November 1) 1 to 4 p.m. We are closed on State and Federal holidays. Watch our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter feeds for the most updated information.

## **NOTE TO PARENTS**

When dropping off your children for our programs, please remember that you must come into the building to retrieve them at the end of class. Please know that your child's safety is our greatest priority. Thank you!



## Couples Afternoon – Archery and Bow Fishing

This combo class will include instruction for archery target shooting and bow fishing! Adults only.  
 (Class size limited to 10)

**Class Date:**

Saturday, October 13, 1 to 3 p.m.

## Fall Nature Haiku Hike

Explore our trails with our naturalists as they feature some of their favorite places in our park. Learn how to write a haiku, a type of Japanese poetry, to express your hiking experience.

This class is for adults only. (Class size limited to 12)

**Class dates :**

Wednesday, September 12, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, October 24, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, November 14, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

## Bi-athlon: Orienteering and BB Gun Shooting



Grab your friends for this adult only class that combines two of our favorite activities here at The Outdoor Campus. This program will include safety instruction and practice with our bb guns and orienteering course. Then, putting what you learn to use, we will have a race! Adults only. Class size limited to 25.

**Class date:**

Saturday, November 17, 1 to 3 p.m.

## Choosing the Right Gun

Most hunters are shooting guns that do not fit them properly. Special guest instructor, Dan Griffith, will be leading this shooting clinic helping you fit the correct gun, proper mounting to ensure a successful shot and leading your target. This hands-on, indoor class is geared towards hunters of all ages. Please register all attending members. PLEASE DO NOT BRING FIREARMS TO THIS CLASS.

Class size limited to 50.

### Class dates:

Tuesday, August 14, 6 to 7:30 p.m. OR

Tuesday, August 21, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

## Owl Tell You About It

Meet Ace and Mr. Lincoln. These two special feathered guests will help us have a fun, hands-on learning experience about owls and their adaptations. Family class. Please register all attending members.

Class size limited to 25.

### Class date: (Pick ONE)

Wednesday, September 19, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 13, 10 to 11 a.m. OR 1 to 2 p.m.

Saturday, November 10, 10 to 11 a.m. OR 1 to 2 p.m.

## Mentor/Apprentice Hunting

Want more information about the Mentor Hunting or New Apprentice Hunting programs? This is the class for you. A review of basic gun handling and hunter safety instruction will help you prepare for the hunt and give you more confidence when you take out a new hunter. This class is catering to those who will be participating in the Mentor and Apprentice Hunting programs this fall.

Our goal is to teach you how to have a successful first hunt, how to know if you or your child is ready to go hunting, how to mentally and physically prepare for the hunt and what kind of gear you will need to make it a positive experience for everyone involved!

Sign up for this class together with your mentor or apprentice. If you are interested or need to take a HuntSAFE course please check our online option or classes available in your area at <https://gfp.sd.gov/hunter-education/> Please register all attending members. Class size limited to 30.

### Class dates:

Tuesday, September 4, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Tuesday, September 18, 6 to 8 p.m.



## Catch It, Clean It, Cook It

We'll start with an introduction to fishing and equipment you will need before testing the waters at our pond. With any luck, the fish will be biting and we will learn how to cook and prepare them! It doesn't get any fresher than that! Family class. Please register all attending members. Class size limited to 25.

**Class date:** Saturday, September 22, 1 to 3 p.m.

## Bow Hunting Partners

Father/Daughter, Father/Son, Mother/Daughter, Mother/Son, Grandpa/Grandkid, ETC! This 2-day program is designed for an adult and youth partnership—no matter the relationship! Learn the basics of bow hunting with fun interactive activities along with learning safety and ethical shot placement.

Recommended kids age 8 and up. Please register all attending members. Class size limited to 24.

**Class dates:** Monday, September 24 AND Tuesday, September 25, 6 to 8 p.m.

## Archery

Learn how to shoot our compound and long bows. Equipment, safety instruction and proper stance will all be discussed and demonstrated at our archery range. Please register all attending members. Family class size limited to 25.

**Class date:** Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

## Biathlon—Orienteering and BB Gun Target Shooting

Combining two of our favorite activities here at The Outdoor Campus, this program will include safety instruction and practice with our BB guns and orienteering course. Then, put what you learned to use in a family biathlon race! Family class limited to 25 students.

**Class date:** Saturday, November 17, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

## Sprouts - for Preschoolers and Adult Partners

Sprouts are a program designed for preschoolers and their adult family partner. The goal of the program is to introduce families with 3 and 4 year olds to the outdoors in a fun, active and non-threatening environment.

**Age:** 3 and 4 year olds with adult partners

## O is for the color Orange in Nature

The color orange is all around us. Join us for a fun adventure in looking for orange in nature!

**Class Dates:** (pick **one** of the following)

Wednesday, September 12, 10 to 10:45 OR 11 to 11:45

Saturday, September 15, 10 to 10:45 OR 11 to 11:45

## P is for Pheasants

Pheasants are a very popular bird in South Dakota! Learn all about these prairie birds.

**Class Dates:** (pick **one** of the following)

Wednesday, October 3, 10 to 10:45 OR 11 to 11:45

Saturday, October 6, 10 to 10:45 OR 11 to 11:45

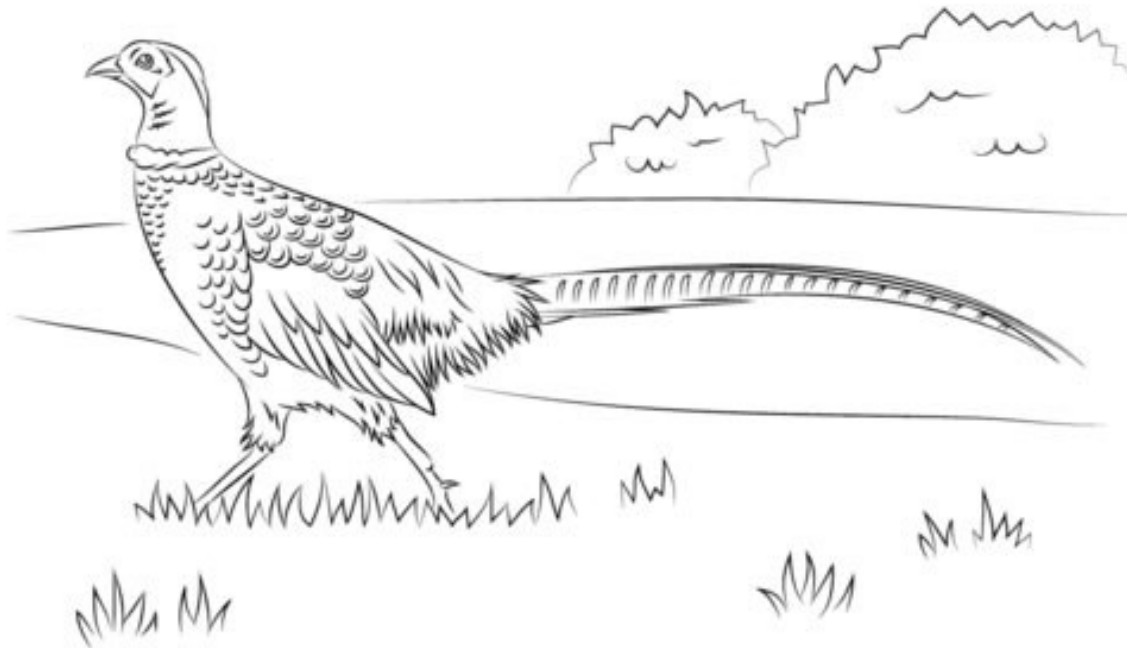
## Q is for Queen Bee

Learn about bee behavior and what it takes to be the queen of the hive!

**Class Dates:** (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday, November 3, 10 to 10:45 OR 11 to 11:45

Wednesday, November 14, 10 to 10:45 OR 11 to 11:45







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**Age: 5-7 years. Parents may stay or go during these programs. Dress for the weather.**

Saturday, September 15, 10 to 10:45 OR 11 to 11:45

Saturday, October 6, 10 to 10:45 OR 11 to 11:45

Saturday, November 3, 10 to 10:45 OR 11 to 11:45



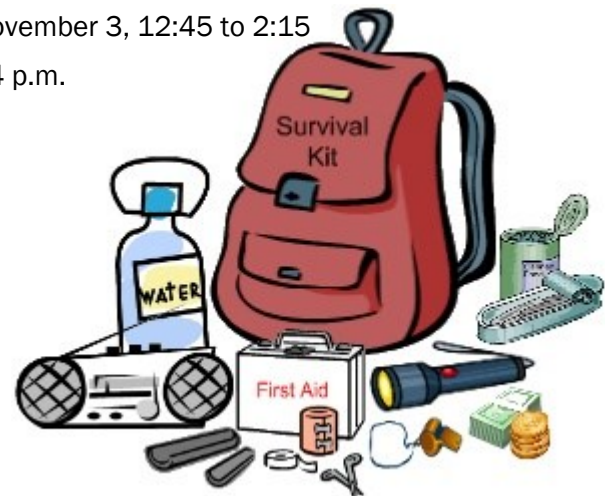
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**Age:** 8-12 years.

OR 2:30 to 4 p.m.

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## Project Feeder Watch

The Outdoor Campus has participated in Project Feeder Watch for over 10 years. Project Feeder Watch is a winter-long survey of birds that visit feeders at backyards, nature centers, community areas and other locales in North America. Anyone can do it! Learn about backyard bird identification and how to get started with the University of Cornell project. Family program. Class size: 30

**Class date:** Tuesday, October 30, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

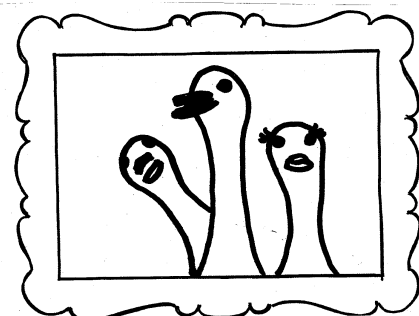
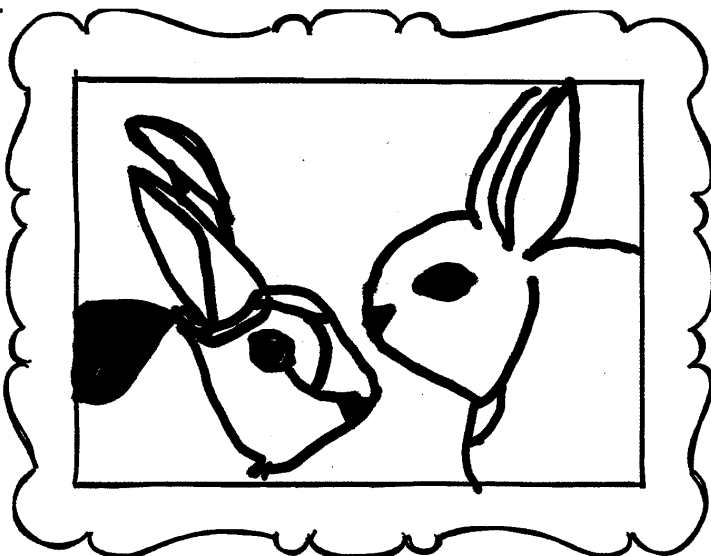
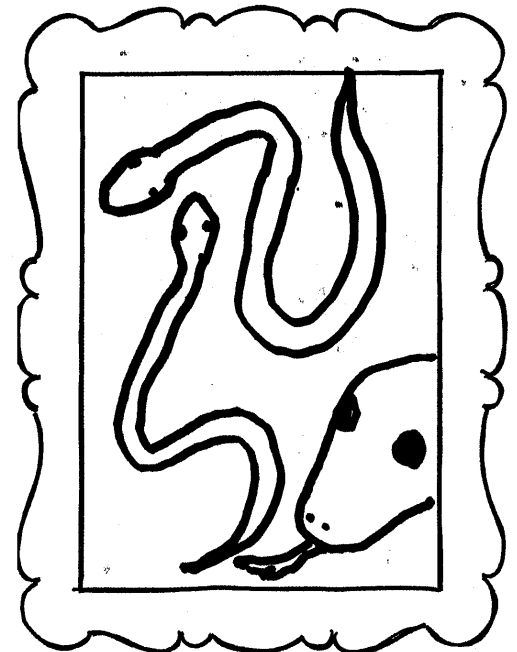
## SPECIAL EVENTS



### Halloween Hike: Selfies and Groupies!

We are going to learn the names of different groups of animals that call South Dakota home. For example, a gang of elk or an army of frogs, or a cloud of grasshoppers! This year's hike will have lots of fun and interesting activities for kids of all ages (even grownups!) Wrap up the hike with s'mores at our fire pits!

**Saturday, October 20,  
3 to 6 p.m.**



# BE A VOLUNTEER!



## Volunteer Opportunities

By becoming a volunteer at The Outdoor Campus, you will experience a variety of opportunities that will increase your own and other's awareness of South Dakota's great outdoors!

### Examples include:

- Program Assistance (fishing, paddling, outdoor cooking, etc.)
- Gardening
- Animal Care
- Special Events (Outdoor University, Women's Try-It Day, Halloween Hike, etc.)
- Front Desk Duty



## How To Get Started!

1) Submit a completed application form on The Outdoor Campus website.

[www.outdoorcampus.org](http://www.outdoorcampus.org)

2) Kyle, our volunteer coordinator will call to set up an interview once your application is received and reviewed.

3) Once your interview is completed and a background check is completed, Kyle will schedule an orientation to get you more familiar with The Outdoor Campus and what you'll be doing here!

4) Finally, after the orientation, you'll be ready to start volunteering! You will be able to sign up online for whatever available programs you choose.



Our volunteers are the best!

# ABOUT THE OUTDOOR CAMPUS



## How are these classes FREE?

Our funding comes from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses in South Dakota. If you like our classes thank a hunter or an angler.

## How can we support The Outdoor Campus?

Buy a hunting and fishing license in South Dakota. Nationwide the sale of licenses are declining rapidly as we lose the Baby Boomer Generation. They were the last large group of hunters and anglers. We need to replace the funds they put toward habitat, wildlife management, conservation, recreation and education. Every single license you buy in your family helps fisheries, pheasant habitat and so much more—including The Outdoor Campus.

## Do you get any other funds?

We do receive some funding from a Federal excise tax on hunting and fishing equipment sales. A small portion of each fishing pole or shotgun you buy can go toward hunting and fishing programs here.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks provides sustainable outdoor recreational opportunities through responsible management of our state's parks, fisheries and wildlife by fostering partnerships, cultivating stewardship and safely connecting people with the outdoors.

## 2018 Full Time Staff

**Thea Miller Ryan**, director

**Derek Klawitter**, group and home school program coordinator

**Sandy Richter**, community program coordinator

**Shelly Pierson**, school programs coordinator

**Kyle Grogan**, volunteer coordinator

**Jason Nelson**, outreach coordinator

**Tonna Hartman**, senior secretary

**Lynn Purdy**, night and weekend manager



# FIND US ONLINE



## Find us on Facebook @outdoorcampus

Our Facebook page is updated daily. Follow us for the latest in outdoor news, pop up classes and photos from our programs.



## Find us on Twitter @outdoorcampus

We've always got something to say! Tweet with us. We tweet back!



## Find us on Instagram @outdoorcampus

We post a lot of photos. Want to see what's happening out here? This is the place to look!



## Find us on Snapchat @outdoorcampus

Snapchat take-overs by interns? YES! Watch some of our activities as they happen here!



## Find our blog outdoorcampus.wordpress.com

Our blog is a great way to find the story behind the story. Meet people, animals, see behind the scenes photos of Game, Fish and Parks at work.



## Find our website outdoorcampus.org



### What ages can attend the HuntSAFE classes?

South Dakota's HuntSAFE (*Safety And Firearms Education*) courses are designed for persons age 12 through 15.

Persons who are 11 may participate, but will not be issued a Hunter Safety certification card until they turn 12, unless the card is clearly marked that the card is not valid in South Dakota until their 12th birthday.

If a student's 12th birthday falls on or between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, they may be issued a card and eligible to obtain a license and hunt beginning Sept. 1 of that year. Adults are also welcome and invited to attend.

### Where do I find a listing of HuntSAFE classes in my area?

<http://gfp.sd.gov/outdoor-learning/hunter-education/hunt-safe.aspx>